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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re patent application of

Applicant: Klaus-Dieter HAMMER et al.

Title: EDIBLE SHAPED BODIES, IN PARTICULAR FLAT  
AND TUBULAR FILMS

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2001, please consider the following remarks. Applicant has enclosed with this Amendment a Petition for Extension of Time for three months to make this response timely.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claims 1-3 and 18 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) An edible shaped body in the form of a flat or tubular fiber containing film based on biopolymers or cleavage products or derivatives thereof and/or synthetic polymers of natural monomers is produced by a process having the following stages:
- a) mixing the biopolymers, cleavage products or derivatives thereof and/or the synthetic polymers with at least one edible plasticizer, at least one lubricant and at least one crosslinker and fibers,